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Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability dated May 30, 2000, applicant submits fourteen (14) sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-identified case.

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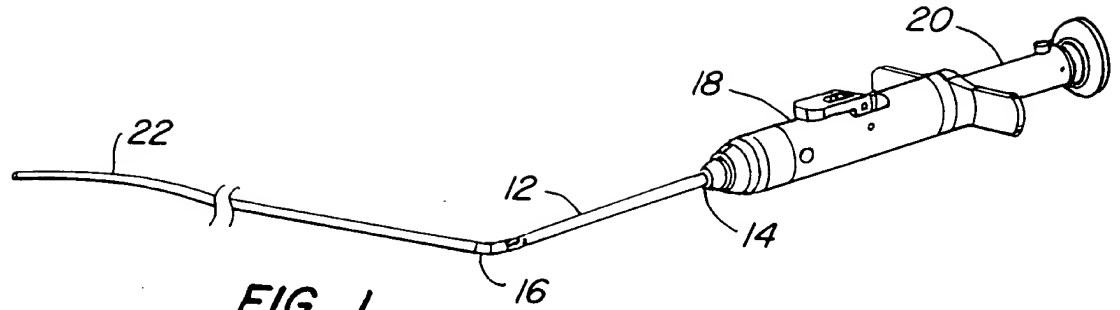


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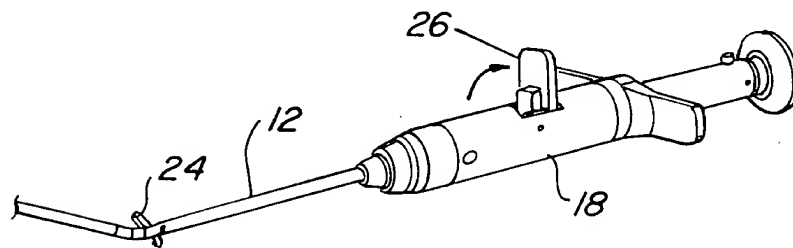


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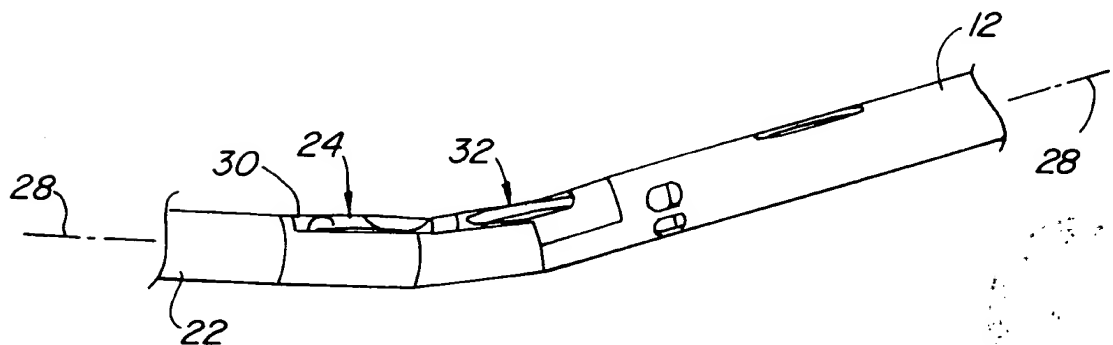


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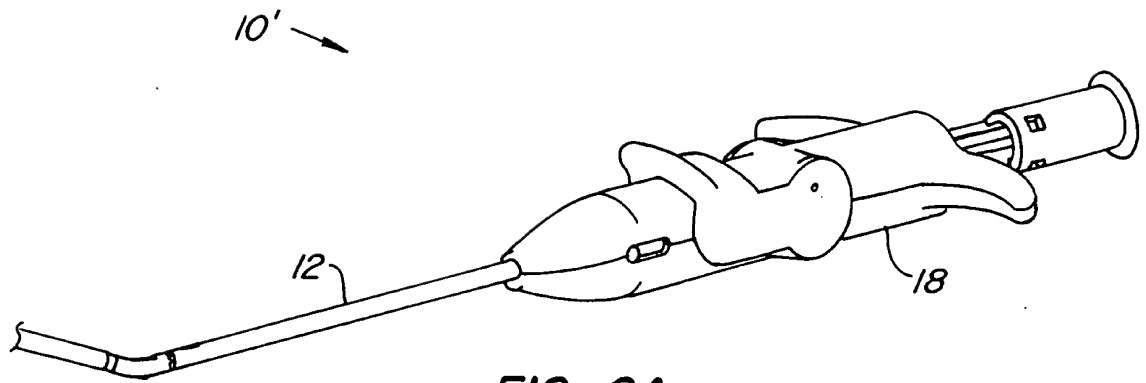


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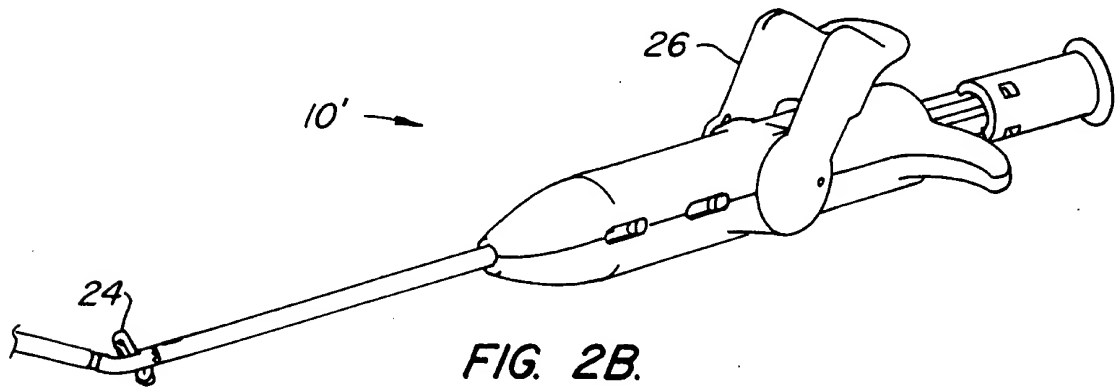


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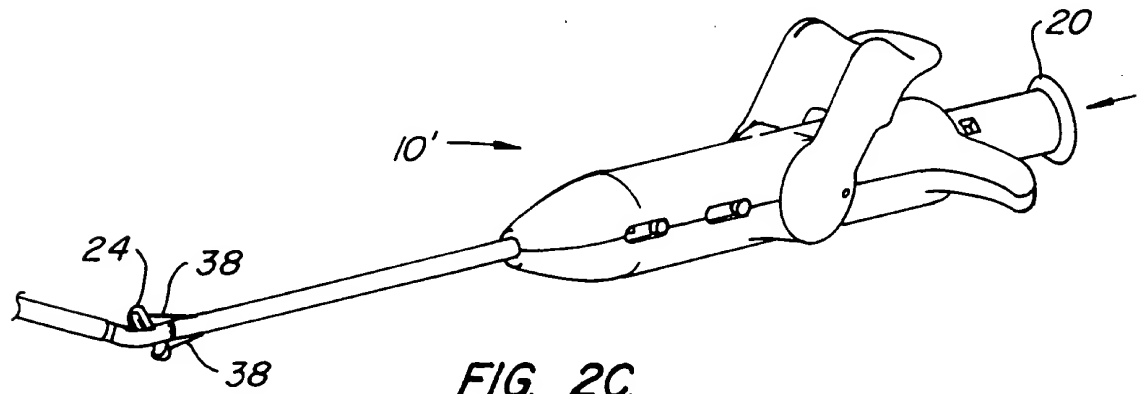


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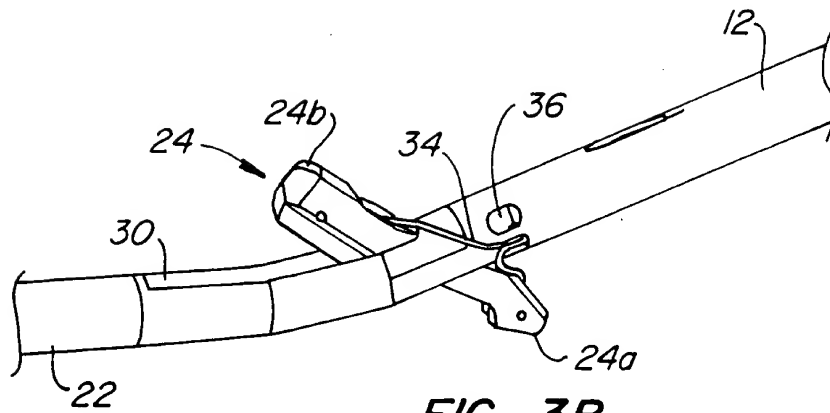


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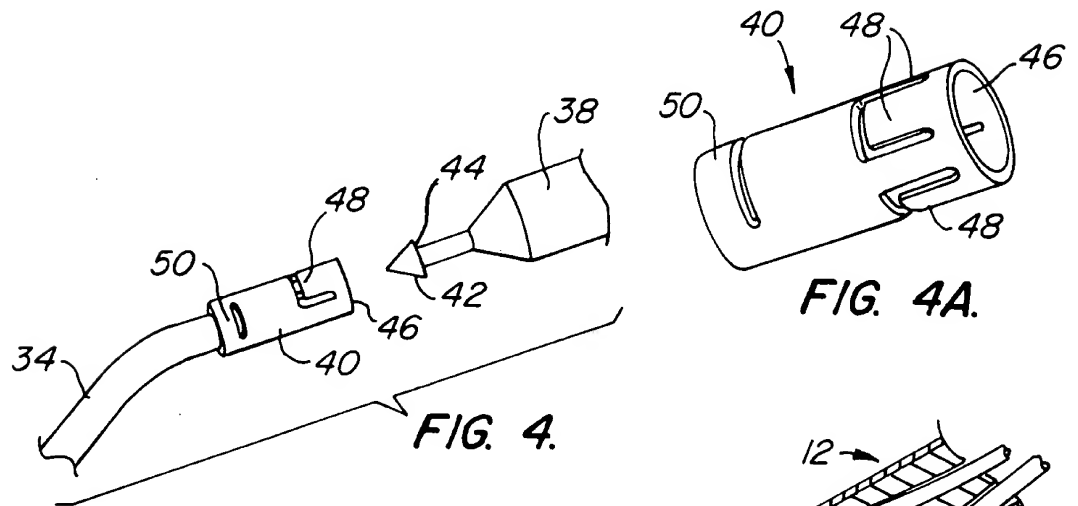


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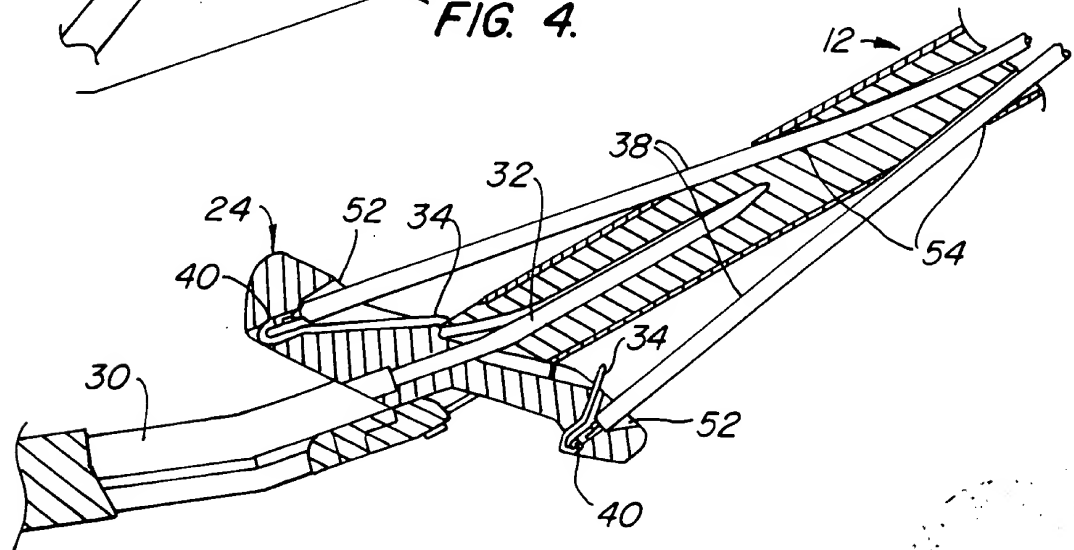


FIG. 5.

FIG. 6A.

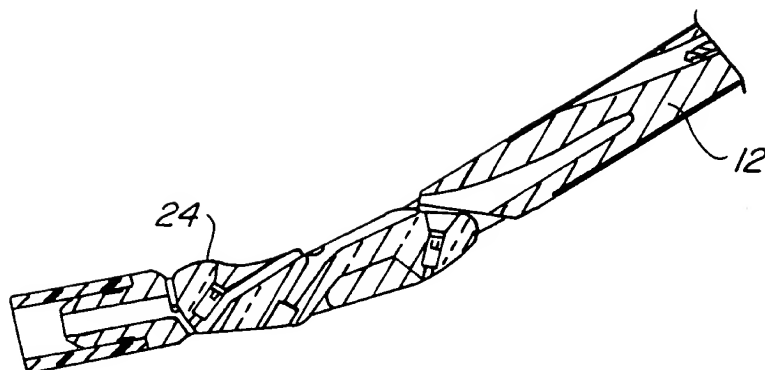


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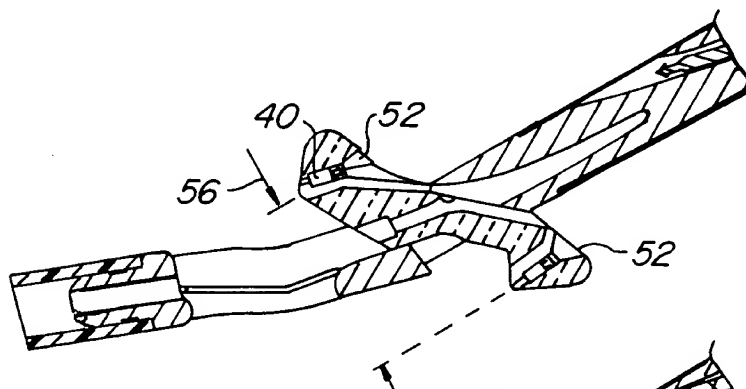


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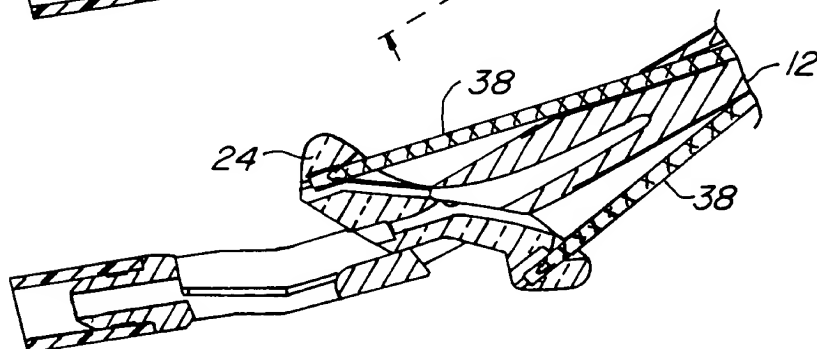
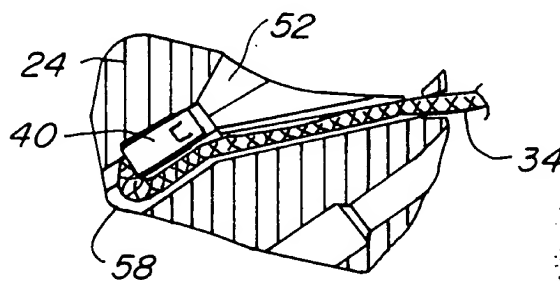


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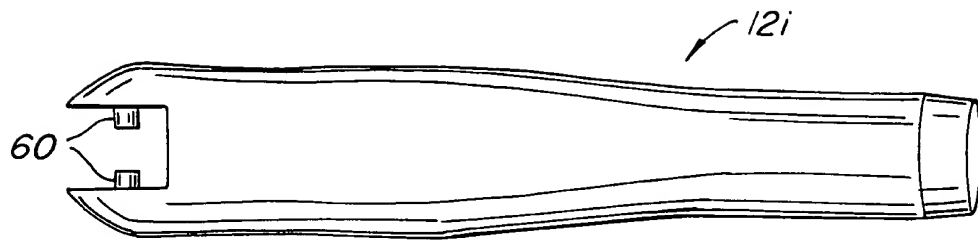


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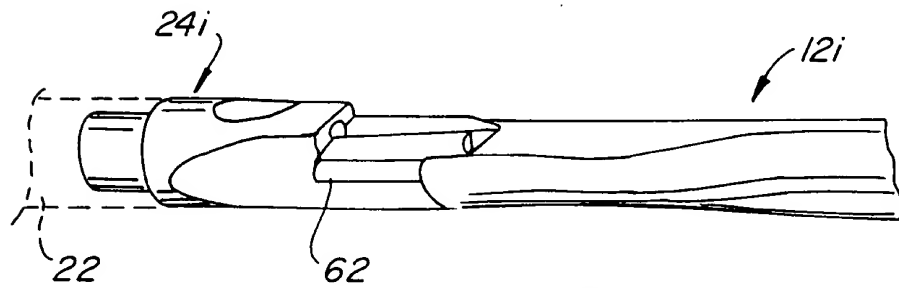


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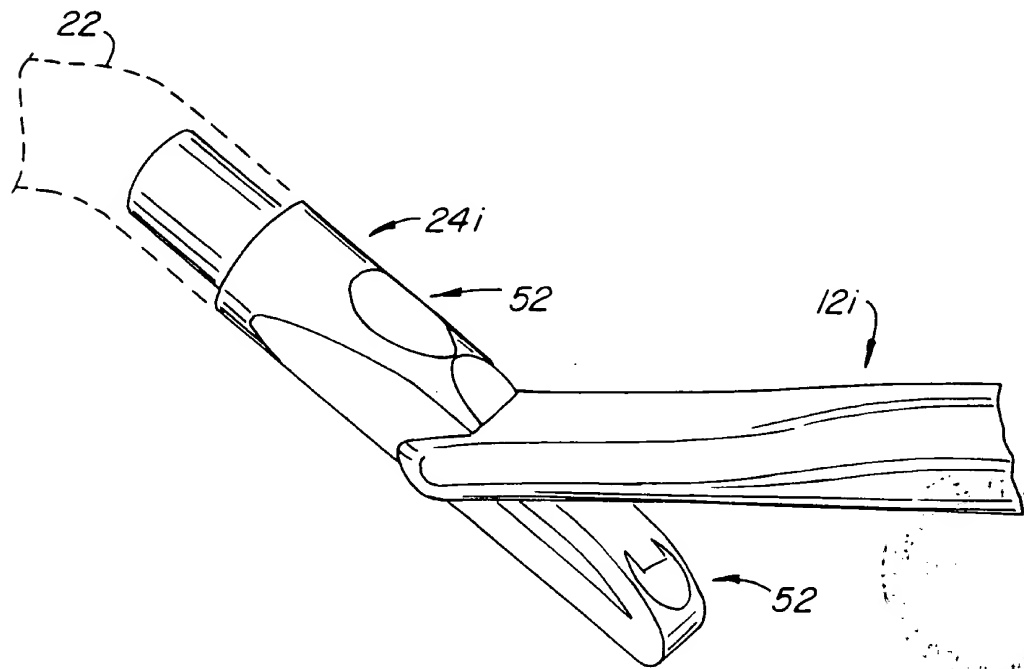
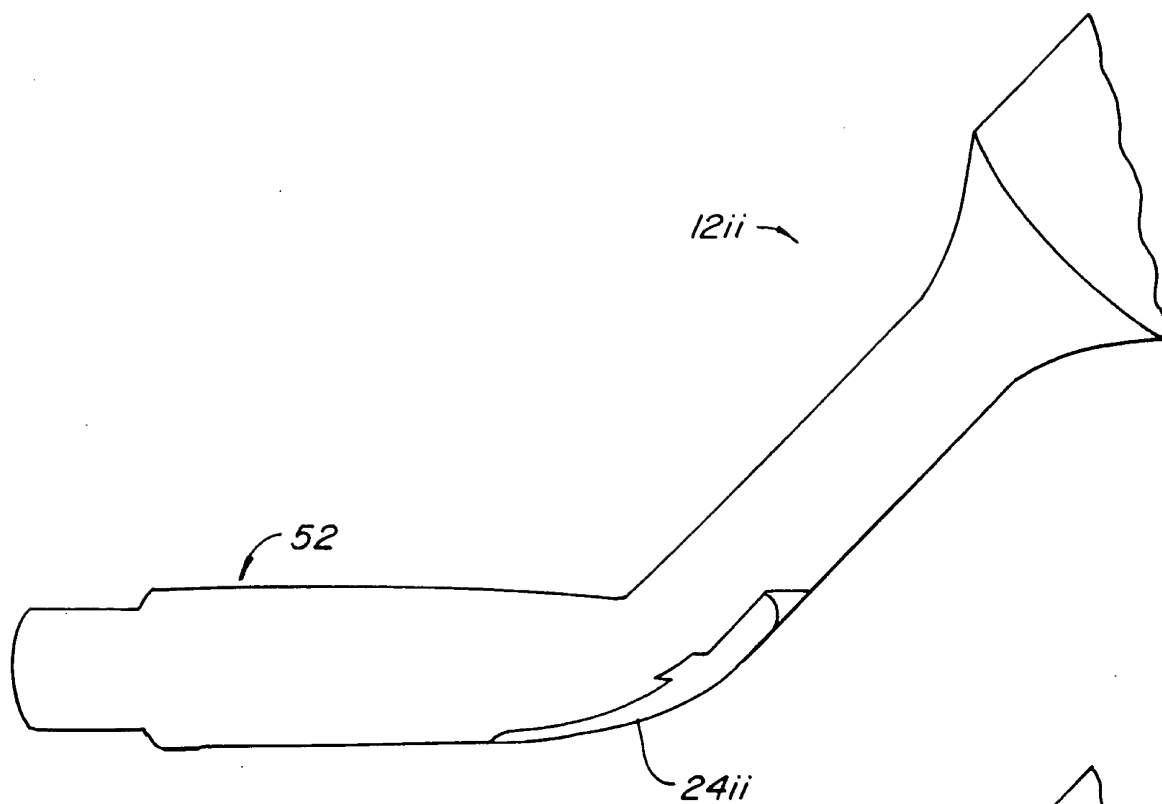
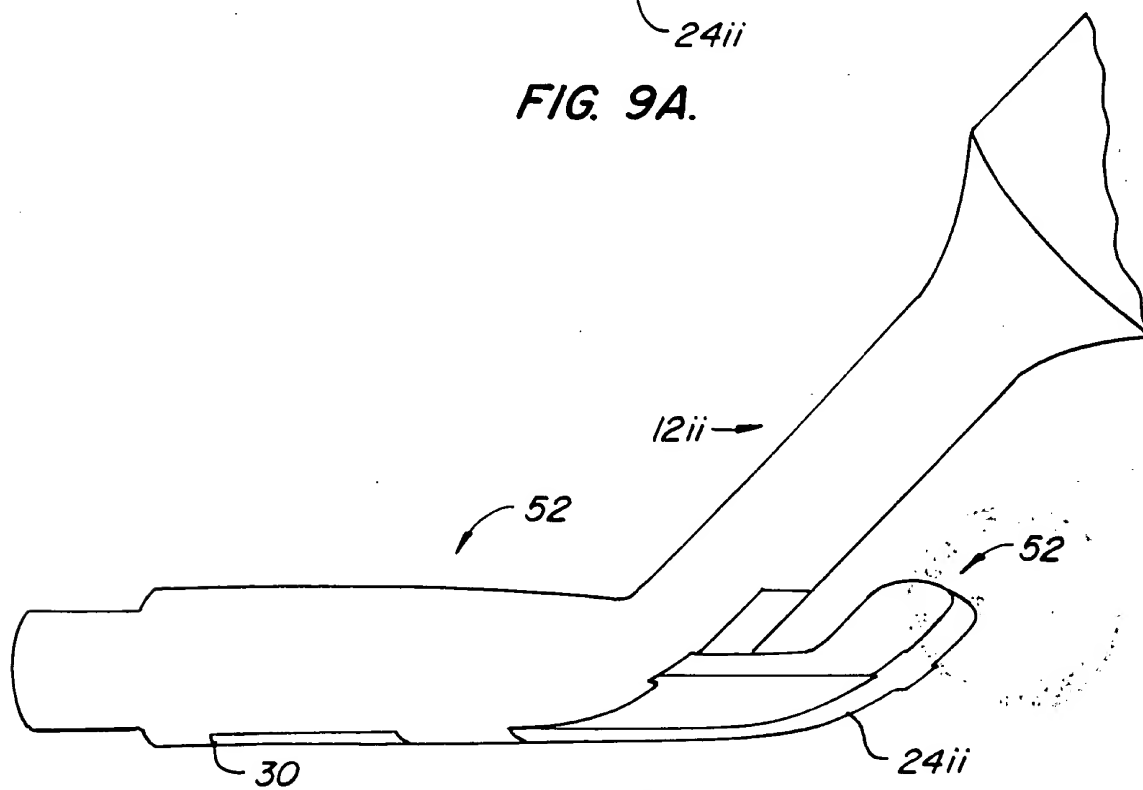


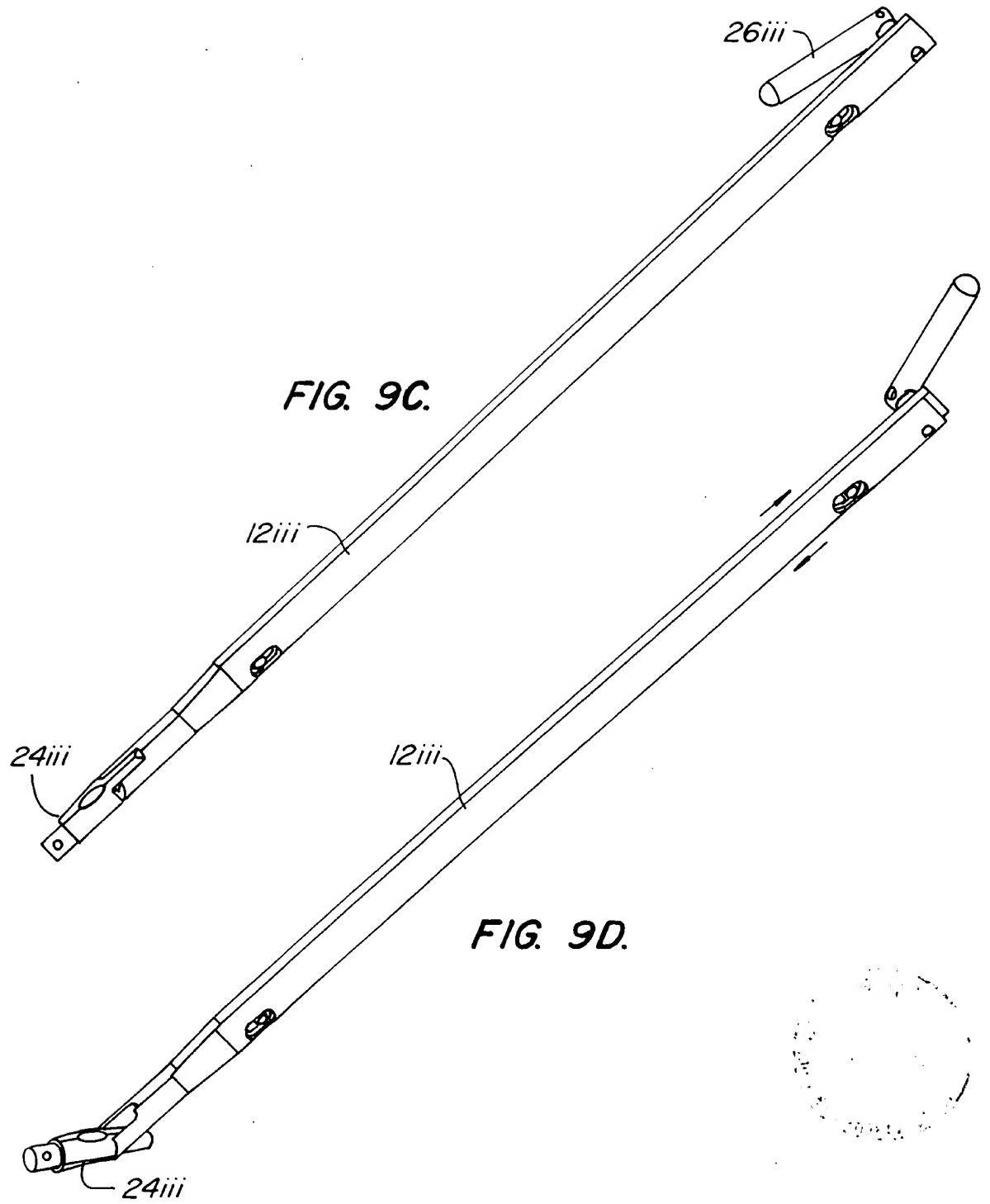
FIG. 8C.



**FIG. 9A.**



**FIG. 9B.**





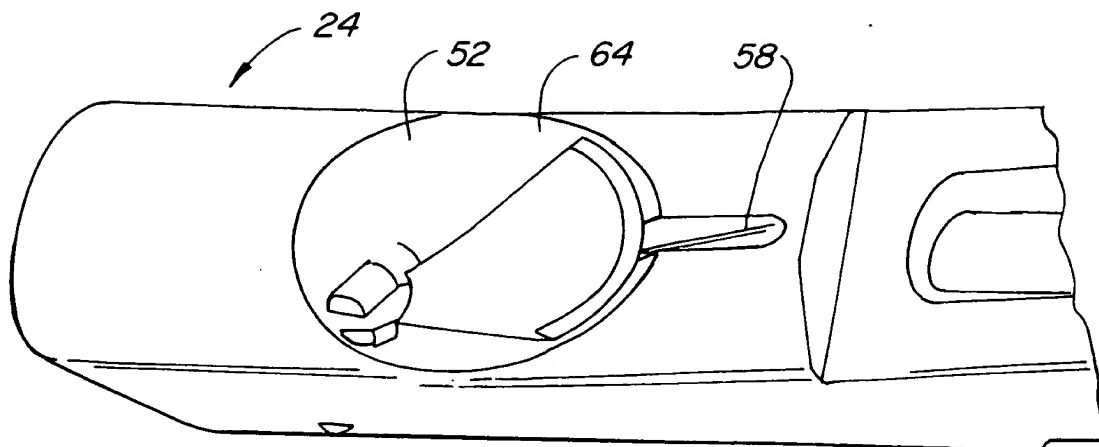


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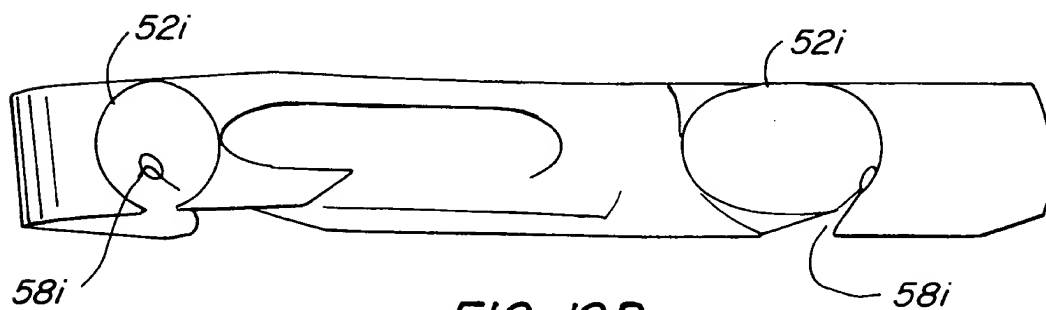


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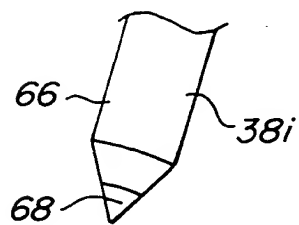


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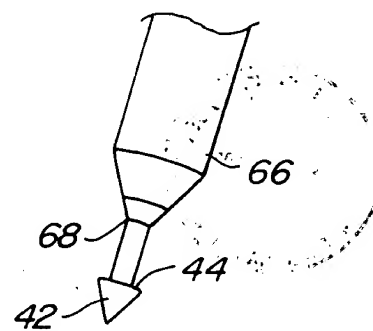


FIG. 10D.

FIG. 11A.

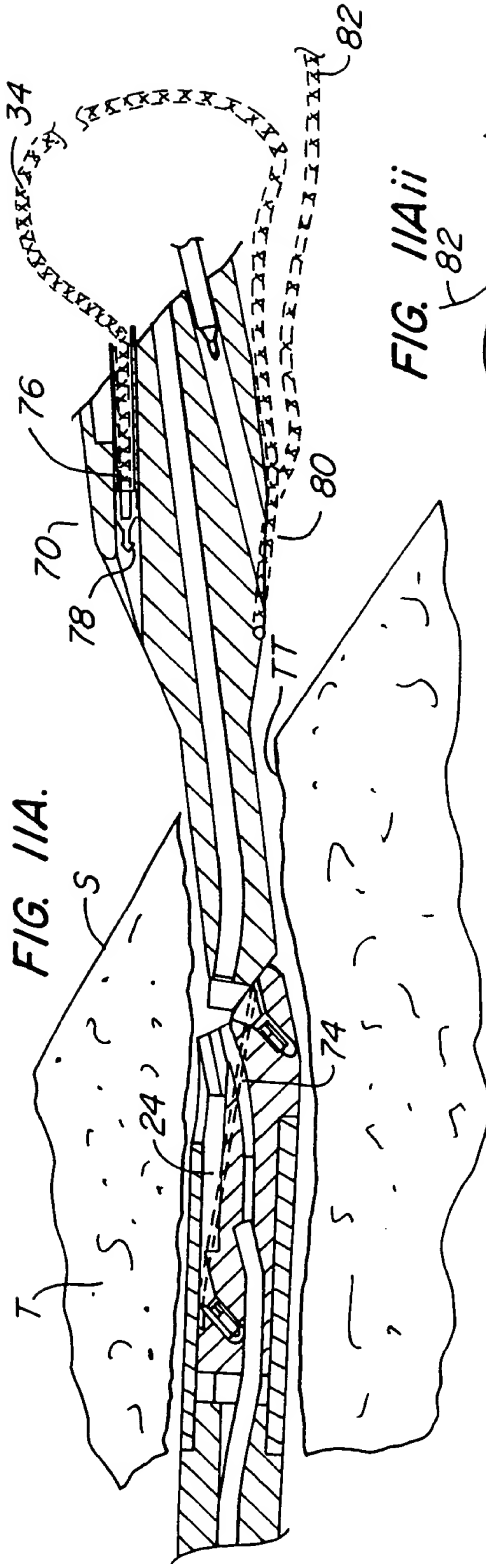


FIG. 11Aii

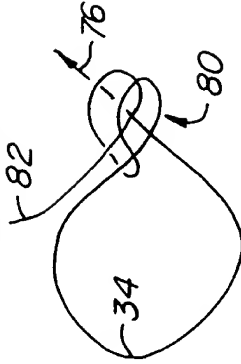


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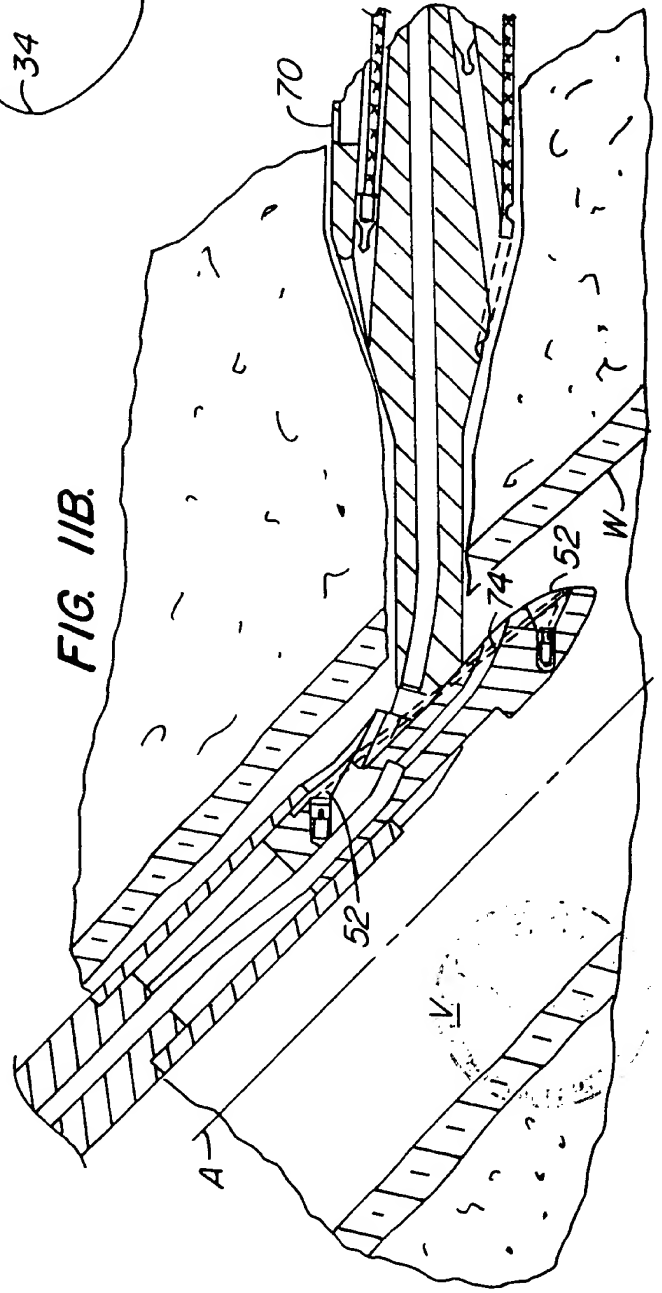
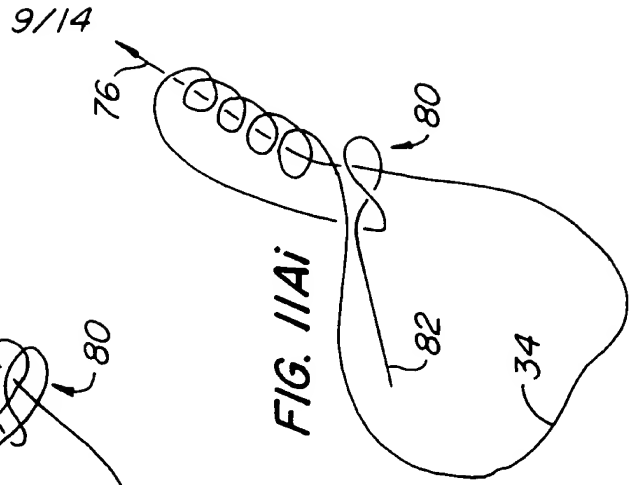
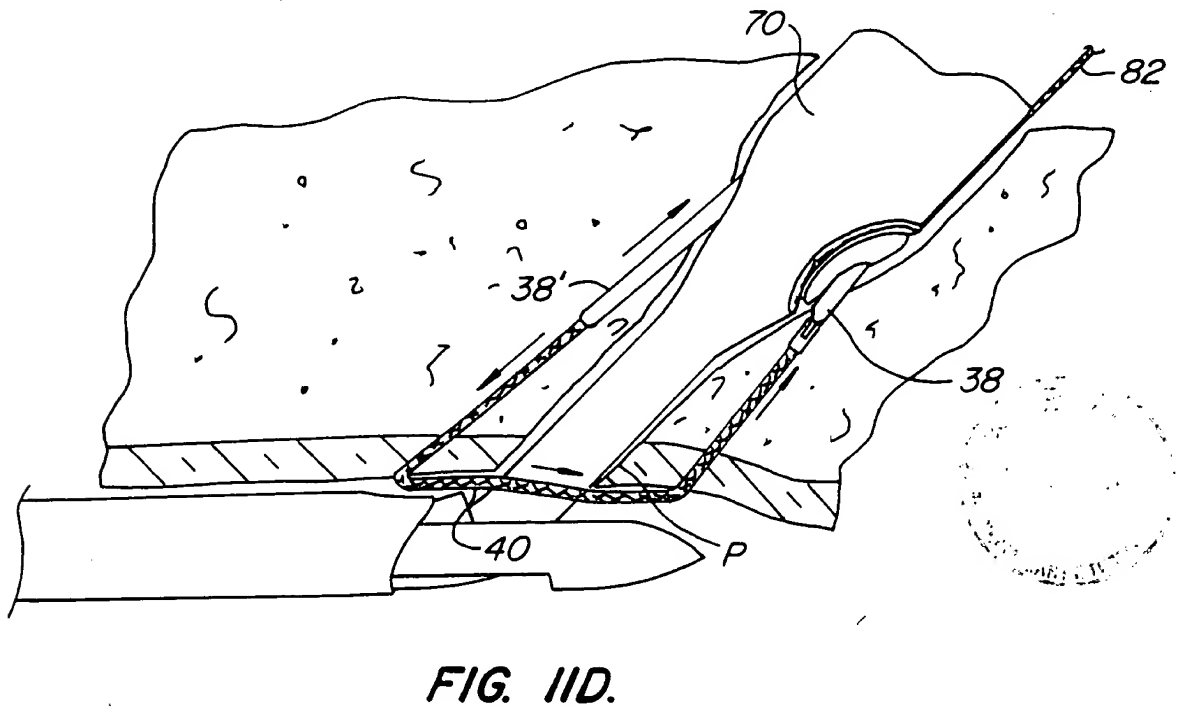
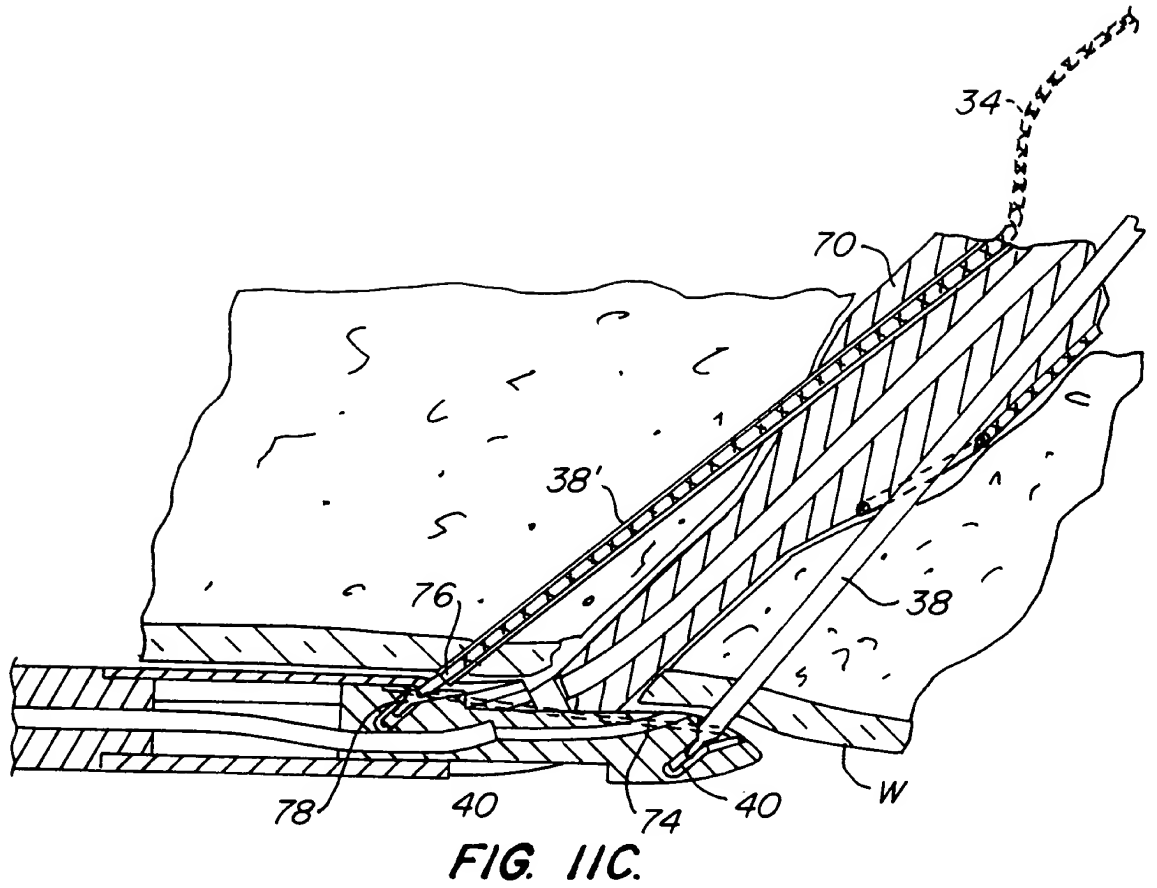


FIG. 11Ai



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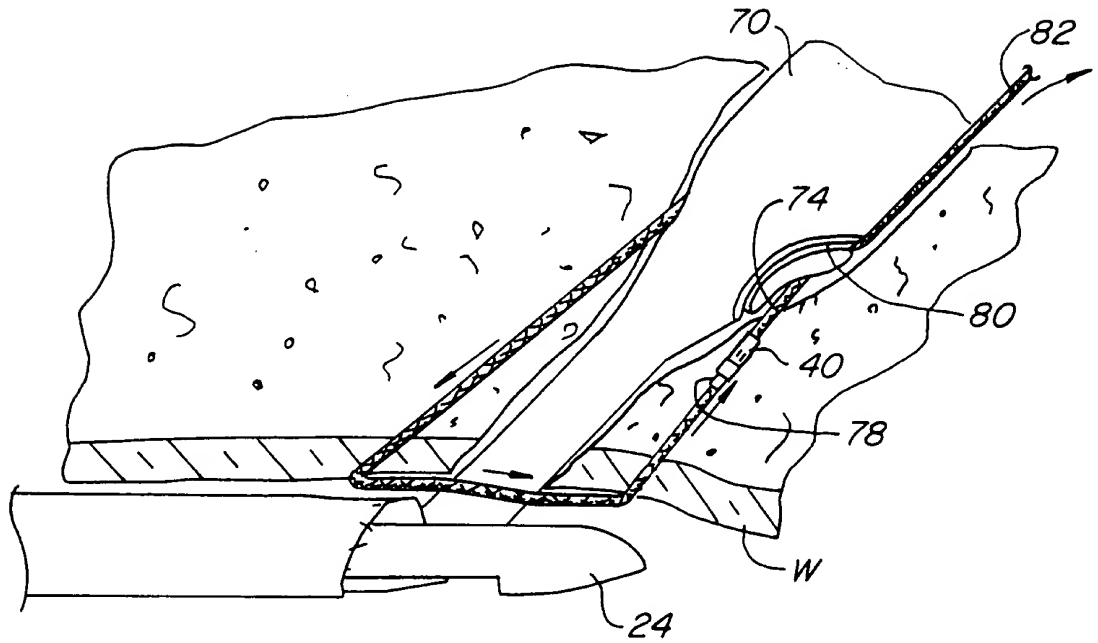


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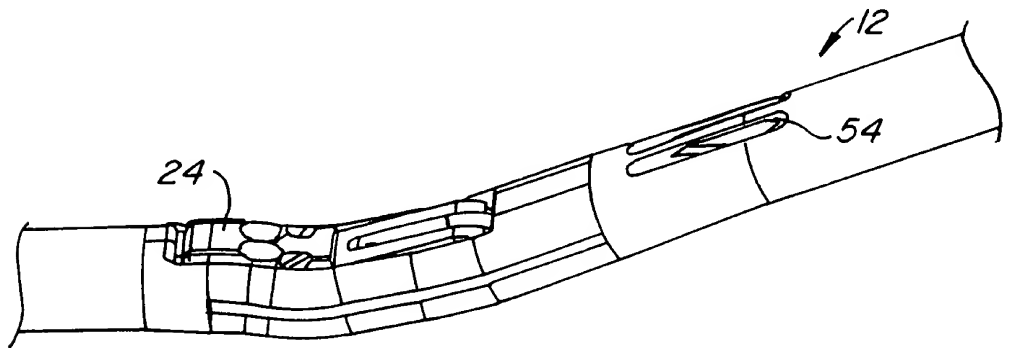


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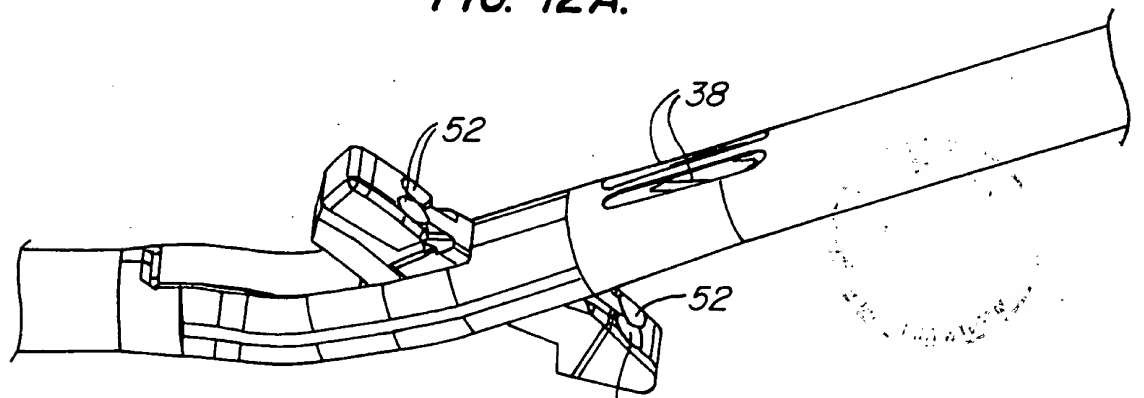


FIG. 12B.

FIG. 13A.

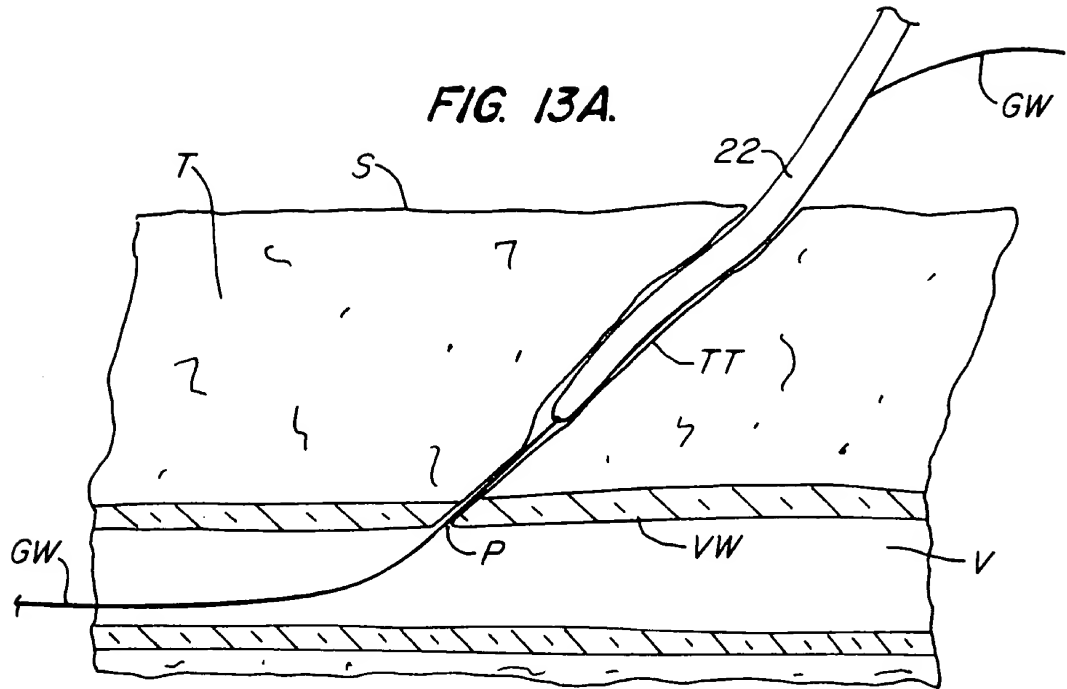


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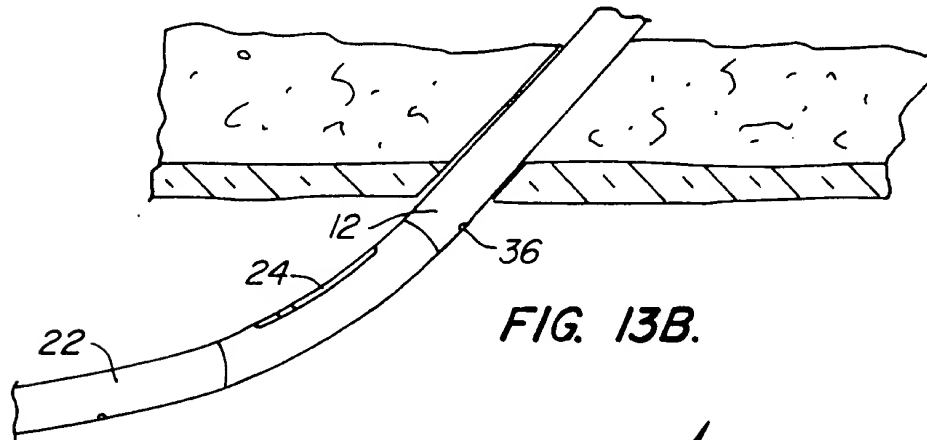


FIG. 13C.

